

"(1) any machinegun (as defined in section 5845 of title 26);

"(2) any firearm silencer (as defined in section 921); and

"(3) any destructive device (as defined in section 921)."

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 926A the following:

"926B. Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified law enforcement officers."

(c) EXEMPTION OF QUALIFIED RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM STATE LAWS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED FIREARMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 926B, as added by subsection (b), the following:

**"§926C. Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified retired law enforcement officers"**

"(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law of any State or any political subdivision thereof, an individual who is a qualified retired law enforcement officer and who is carrying the identification required by subsection (d) may carry a concealed firearm that has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce, subject to subsection (b).

"(b) This section shall not be construed to supersede or limit the laws of any State that—

"(1) permit private persons or entities to prohibit or restrict the possession of concealed firearms on their property; or

"(2) prohibit or restrict the possession of firearms on any State or local government property, installation, building, base, or park.

"(c) As used in this section, the term 'qualified retired law enforcement officer' means an individual who—

"(1) retired in good standing from service with a public agency as a law enforcement officer, other than for reasons of mental instability;

"(2) before such retirement, was authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law, and had statutory powers of arrest;

"(3)(A) before such retirement, was regularly employed as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 15 years or more; or

"(B) retired from service with such agency, after completing any applicable probationary period of such service, due to a service-connected disability, as determined by such agency;

"(4) has a nonforfeitable right to benefits under the retirement plan of the agency;

"(5) during the most recent 12-month period, has met, at the expense of the individual, the State's standards for training and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry firearms; and

"(6) is not prohibited by Federal law from receiving a firearm.

"(d) The identification required by this subsection is photographic identification issued by the agency for which the individual was employed as a law enforcement officer.

"(e) DEFINED TERM.—As used in this section, the term 'firearm' does not include—

"(1) any machinegun (as defined in section 5845 of title 26);

"(2) any firearm silencer (as defined in section 921); and

"(3) a destructive device (as defined in section 921)."

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 44 of title 18, United

States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 926B the following:

"926C. Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified retired law enforcement officers."

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 3, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1420, a bill to establish terms and conditions for use of certain Federal land by outfitters and to facilitate public opportunities for the recreational use and enjoyment of such land.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Dick Bouts at (202) 224-7545.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on "Review of Current Investigations and Regulatory Actions Regarding the Mutual Fund Industry."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing on "Proposals for Improving the Regulatory Regime of the Housing Government Sponsored Enterprises."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at 9:30

a.m. on Economic Implications of Seafood Processor Quotas.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on The Japanese Tax Treaty and the SRI Lanka tax Protocol.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at 3:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on USAID Contracting Policies.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, February 25, at 10 a.m., on "Judicial Nominations," in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Panel I: Senators.

Panel II: Roger T. Benitez, to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California.

Panel III: Representatives from the American Bar Association.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Joint Economic Committee be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Building, Wednesday, February 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORK FORCE AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia, be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 25, 2004 at 10 a.m., for a hearing entitled "The Key to Homeland Security: The New Personnel System."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 25, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on policies and programs for preventing and responding to incidents of sexual assault in the armed services.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of

the Senate on February 25, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, Office of Future Liabilities, and the Office of Legacy Management, in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted to Lisa McGrath and Douglas Lucke during consideration of S. 1805, the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for Adam Aston from my office be granted privileges of the floor during the course of this debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Adam Rosenberg, a fellow on the staff of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, be given privileges of the floor today, February 25.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## FOREIGN TRAVEL FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following reports for standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(B), COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1 TO DEC. 31, 2003

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Alison Fox:									
Brazil .....	Dollar .....		1,462.00						1,462.00
Mark Halverson:									
Brazil .....	Dollar .....		1,462.00						1,462.00
Senator Tom Harkin:									
Brazil .....	Dollar .....		1,462.00						1,462.00
Delegation Expenses:									
Brazil .....	Dollar .....				5,057.00		16,348.00		21,405.00
Total .....			4,386.00		5,057.00		16,348.00		25,791.00

THAD COCHRAN, Chairman,  
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, Jan. 20, 2004.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, AMENDED FROM 3RD QUARTER, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2003

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Jennifer Chartrand:									
Great Britain .....	Dollar .....		1,050.00						1,050.00
Italy .....	Dollar .....		1,100.00						1,100.00
United States .....	Dollar .....				4,560.00				4,560.00
Total .....			2,150.00		4,560.00				6,710.00

TED STEVENS, Chairman,  
Committee on Appropriations, Dec. 16, 2003.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1 TO DEC. 31, 2003

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Howard L. Walgren:									
United States .....	Dollar .....				6,339.37				6,339.37
Hong Kong .....	Dollar .....		822.00						822.00
Thailand .....	Baht .....		456.00						456.00
Singapore .....	Dollar .....		512.00						512.00
Senator Ted Stevens:									
China .....	Yuan .....		658.00						658.00
Thailand .....	Baht .....		461.10						461.10
Hong Kong .....	Dollar .....		801.60						801.60
Senator Daniel K. Inouye:									
China .....	Yuan .....		658.00						658.00
Thailand .....	Baht .....		461.10						461.10
Hong Kong .....	Dollar .....		801.60						801.60
Jim Morhard:									
China .....	Yuan .....		658.00						658.00
Thailand .....	Baht .....		461.10						461.10
Hong Kong .....	Dollar .....		801.60						801.60
Sid Ashworth:									
China .....	Yuan .....		658.00						658.00